

Application No. 10/716,724
Amendment and Response dated October 4, 2005
Reply to Office Action of September 21, 2005

Remarks

Election has been required between Species 1 (claims 1, 5, 10-13) and Species 2 (claims 3, 4, 6-8, 15, 17-20, 24, 26-28, 31-33, 50, 51, 34, 36, 38, 41, 42, 52 and 53).

Applicant elects Species 2, without traverse.

Applicant is canceling the non-elected claims of Species 1.

All remaining claims read on elected Species 2.

Note: It appears that the examiner might have mistakenly confused the elements of claims 10 and 11, but applicant is canceling those claims and electing Species 2 to expedite the prosecution. Should the examiner decide to revise the office action instead, applicant reserves the right to withdraw this amendment.

The examiner may call the undersigned to resolve any issues.

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due in connection with this submission. However, if such extension is due or any other fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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